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Hon. Steven W. Williams, Secretary
Postal Rate Commission
901 New York Avenue NW, Suite 200
Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

Dear Mr. Williams:

In connection with the Commission's rules pertaining to periodic reports, I have enclosed copies of the report of Revenue, Pieces and Weight (RPW) by rate category and special service for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008. This report consists of two parts:

1. Mailing Services (Market Dominant Products), Revenue, Pieces and Weight by Classes of Mail and Special Services for Fiscal Year 2008, Fiscal Year 2008 (Oct 1, 2007 – Sep. 30, 2008) Compared with the Corresponding Period of Fiscal Year 2007, **Public Report**; and
2. Shipping Services (Competitive Products), Revenue, Pieces and Weight by Classes of Mail and Special Services for for Fiscal Year 2008, Fiscal Year 2008 (Oct 1, 2007 – Sep. 30, 2008) Compared with the Corresponding Period of Fiscal Year 2007, **Public Report**.

I have enclosed a disk with machine-readable version of both parts of this report.

As I explained in my letter dated December 12, 2008, which transmitted the RPW report for Quarter 4 of FY 2008, this report aggregates detailed information pertaining to competitive shipping services. Please note, that the statistics contained in the FY 2008 report were also contained in the year-to-date statistics presented in the Quarter 4 report.

Aggregation of the data for competitive services in the FY 2008 report is consistent with the structure and provisions of the PAEA and Commission rules, under which competitive services are afforded more flexibility than under the Postal Reorganization Act. In this regard, the Postal Service believes that disclosure of detailed RPW information pertaining to competitive products would place the Postal Service at a disadvantage in relation to firms in the private sector with which the Postal Service must compete. Accordingly, the Postal Service has elected to report such information publicly only in aggregated form.

As with the Quarter 4 report, while the Postal Service has concluded that it has a strong interest in limiting public reporting of information pertaining to competitive products, it acknowledges the Commission's interest in continuing to be apprised of such information. In light of that understanding, I have included with the FY 2008 RPW report a version that disaggregates the international and domestic data pertaining to competitive products. This alternative version should not be made public, and it has been marked as confidential. The Postal Service believes that it contains information that would not be subject to mandatory disclosure pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. In particular, the competitive product information would be exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3) and 39 U.S.C. § 410(c)(2), as information that would not be disclosed under good business practice. The Postal Service believes that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. § 504(g), the Commission should not to disclose the disaggregated information contained in the alternative version of the FY 2008 report.

If you have any questions regarding this report or the discussion above, please call.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

cc: Ms. Taylor